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In re Application of:

Boock et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for Adapting
to a Clock Rate Transition in a
Communications Network Using Idles

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned case, Applicants respectfully request the
Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remark:

In the Specification:

Please delete paragraph 13 as filed, and replace with the following paragraph:

a' [0013] The PCS data path can be considered as having a tx (transmit) path from the
XGXS to the PMA and a rx (receive) path from the PMA to the XGXS. As shown in Figure
2, in a tx-path, the PCS interface receives a data stream 69 in XGMII (10 Gigabit Media
Independent Interface) format. This format has four eight-bit lanes with each bit double
clocked to achieve a 312.5 Mbit/s data rate on 156.25 MHz lines. The data lanes can be
consolidated and then can be divided into pairs of single data rate lines, as shown. The single